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(*f*) whether it is a fact that some of the highest appointments in the department are reserved for I.M.D. officers; and

(*g*) whether the Government propose to remove this reservation and take steps to see that no more I.M.D. officers are employed for civil duty?

A.—(*a*) There are twenty-two officers all of whom are in permanent civil employment.

(*b*) The Government have no information on the point. Under the reformed constitution, local Governments are not *required* to provide employment for officers of the I.M.D. as in the case of officers of the I.M.S.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government considered the question in 1923 and decided not to interfere with the arrangement under which they provided employment in the civil department for a certain number of officers of the I M.D.

(*e*) Ten officers possess British Medical qualifications which are registrable in England. The rest have the I.M.D. diploma.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) There is no reservation at present. The question of revising the existing arrangement is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know when the Government will come to a decision?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"We will correspond with the Government of India and the result depends a good deal upon what they do."

Alleged inadequacy of accommodation in the Madras Medical College.

*1121 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received reports that Madras Medical College buildings are out of date and are not sufficient to meet the growing demands of the college;

(*b*) whether there is a proposal to construct a new building therefor; and

(*c*) if so, at what cost and how many students it is estimated to accommodate?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The present accommodation in the Madras Medical College has been reported to be inadequate. The Government have sanctioned the construction of a new Pathological Institute at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,68,000. The institute will provide accommodation for the Pathology, Bacteriology and Bio-chemistry departments; the buildings which are now used for these subjects will be utilized for the extension of the accommodation required for the teaching of organic and inorganic chemistry, for the new department of Pharmacology and for the laboratories of the Physics and the Biology departments. The remaining requirements consist in a new Hygiene

Institute and the remodelling of the present Hygiene department so as to make it suitable for the Anatomy department (including Embryology and Histology). The Surgeon-General's detailed proposals in regard to these are awaited.

Free quarters and permission for private practice to the staff of the Mental hospital.

* 1422 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of the Mental hospital are charged rents for their quarters and if so, why ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the jail doctors are permitted to have private practice and that those of the Mental hospital are prevented from doing so and why ?

A.—(a) Yes, except the nursing staff ; under the rules all officers who are provided with official quarters are required to pay rent unless exempted by the Government for special reasons. No such reasons exist in this case.

(b) Medical officers employed in the Jail department are permitted to engage in consulting practice and to attend to emergency cases, provided there is no interference with their official duties.

The Superintendent of the Madras Mental Hospital is debarred from general practice in the interest of the work of the institution. He is however allowed to visit persons afflicted with insanity or nervous diseases. Other medical officers employed in mental hospitals are not debarred from practice.

Registration

Increase of registration offices in South Kanara.

* 1423 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received from the Sub-Registrars of South Kanara for the increase of sub-registration offices in the district ; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such representations have been received by Government.

Education

Training schools for mistresses in Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot districts.

* 1424 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any training schools for mistresses in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government or before the local boards to open a training school for mistresses in these districts especially for Muslim lady teachers ?